

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 312

In Senate, March 29, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Hinckley from Committee on Judiciary
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Introduced by Senator Cram of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide for the Supervision, Regulation and Con-
duct of the Transportation of Persons over the Public High-
ways of the State of Maine by Automobiles, Jitney Busses
and Auto Stages by the Public Utilities Commission.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Chapter one hundred and eighty-four of the public laws of
2 nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by
3 striking out section one in said chapter and inserting in
4 place thereof the following:

'Section 1. The public utilities commission shall have
2 jurisdiction over every person, firm or corporation operat-

3 ing any motor vehicle upon any public street or highway for
4 the carrying of either passengers or property for hire, pro-
5 vided the same are operated over regular routes between
6 points in this state.'

Chapter one hundred and eighty-four of the public laws of
2 nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by
3 striking out all of the words in section four after the word
4 "operation" in the fifth line thereof, so that said section, as
5 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. Commission to issue certificate for operation;
2 penalty for operating without certificate. No person, firm
3 or corporation shall operate such motor vehicle or vehicles
4 on any street or highway in any city or town of this state,
5 without obtaining from the public utilities commission, a
6 certificate permitting such operation.'

Chapter one hundred and eighty-four of the public laws of
2 nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by
3 striking out all of section five and inserting in place thereof
4 the two following sections:

'Sect. 5. The public utilities commission shall have the
2 right to revoke a certificate of any person, firm or corpora-
3 tion who shall fail to comply with the rules and regulations
4 as provided in section two of said chapter one hundred and
5 eighty-four.

'Sect. 6. Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation who
2 operates an automobile or motor truck for either of the
3 purposes as set forth in section one of this act, without first

4 obtaining a certificate from the public utilities commission
5 or after said certificate has been revoked by the public utili-
6 ties commission, shall be subject to a fine of not less than
7 ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by im-
8 prisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than
9 ninety days, or by both fine and imprisonment,' so that said
10 chapter, as amended, shall read as follows:

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2 jurisdiction over every person, firm or corporation operat-
3 ing any motor vehicle upon any public street or highway for
4 the carrying of either passengers or property for hire, pro-
5 vided the same are operated over regular routes between
6 points in this state.

'Sect. 2. Commission to make rules and regulations gov-
2 erning use of said motor vehicles. Said commission is
3 hereby authorized to make from time to time rules and reg-
4 ulations governing the operation of said motor vehicles,
5 which shall include provisions concerning the route of oper-
6 ation, schedule to be operated and maintained, rates of fare
7 to be charged for the carriage of passengers, the safeguard-
8 ing of passengers and other persons using the streets and
9 highways and such other reasonable regulations as may be
10 deemed necessary for the safety or convenience of the
11 public.

'Sect. 3. Existing statutes relative to use and operation of
2 motor vehicles not affected. Nothing herein contained shall
3 exempt any person, firm or corporation owning or operating

4 said motor vehicle or vehicles from complying with exist-
5 ing statutes relating to the ownership, registration and oper-
6 ation of motor vehicles in this state as defined in chapter
7 twenty-six of the revised statutes.

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